

Amendments to the Claims:

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A display device comprising:

a display panel having a first light-transmissive substrate provided with electrodes at the area of pixels arranged in rows and columns, a second light-transmissive substrate and liquid crystalline material between the two substrates, the pixels comprising a plurality of groups of rows of pixels and a plurality of groups of columns of pixels;

an illumination system situated on the side of the second substrate remote from the liquid crystalline material, said illumination system comprising a backlight;

an optical shutter element including means for selectively transmitting light for one group of rows of pixels or one group of columns of pixels at a time to consecutively illuminate the groups of rows of pixels or groups of columns of pixels; and

at least one reflective polarizer in an optical path between the backlight and the display panel.

2. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the illumination system comprises an optical waveguide (15) of an optically transparent material having an exit face (18) facing the display panel.

3. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the display device comprises, parallel to the exit face, a reflective polarizer (35) between the exit face (18) and the display panel (2).

4. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the display device comprises, parallel to the exit face, a second reflective polarizer (36) between the optical shutter element (21) and the display panel (2).

5. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the optical shutter element is situated between the display panel and a second reflective polarizer (36).

6. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the optical waveguide is provided with means for coupling in light in a direction parallel to the exit face.

7. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that wherein the illumination system comprises at least one backlight (12) and an optical waveguide (15) having at least one entrance face (10) for light, while light from the backlight can be coupled in along the entrance face extending substantially transversely to the exit face, and a selectively switchable light switch (21') is situated between the backlight (12) and the entrance face (10).

8. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that wherein a first reflective polarizer (35') is situated between the backlight (12) and the selectively switchable light switch (21').

9. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that wherein a second reflective polarizer (36') is situated between the selectively switchable light switch (21') and the optical waveguide (15).

10. (Previously Presented) A display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display device comprises drive means for presenting signals to data and column electrodes to write data to the pixels, and for selectively activating at any one time only a part of the optical shutter system associated with the one group of rows of pixels or the one group of columns of pixels.

11. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein the optical shutter is disposed in the optical path between the illumination system and the display panel.

12. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein the optical shutter includes a plurality of strip-shaped light transparent electrodes.

13. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of strip-shaped light transparent electrodes corresponds to one of the groups of rows of pixels, or one of the groups of column of pixels, in the display panel.

14. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 13, further comprising a drive unit for driving the plurality of strip-shaped light transparent electrodes, the drive unit being adapted to consecutively drive the strip-shaped light transparent electrodes a fixed interval after data is provided to the corresponding group of rows of pixels or the corresponding group of column of pixels.